

REGIONALIZATION RESOURCES

Grants

Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services

The Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Local and Regional Services has \$500,000 for competitive grants to be awarded in FY07 to encourage and support cooperation among municipalities, counties and regional governments to develop cooperative approaches to delivering local services which will reduce property taxes. The projects must demonstrate intergovernmental cooperation.

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Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services

The Fund for the Efficient Delivery of Educational Services funds school administrative districts and municipalities for projects that can demonstrate significant and sustainable savings in the cost of delivering educational services through changes in governance, administrative structure, or adopted policy that result in the consolidation of school administrative units, broad-based purchasing alliances, enhanced regional delivery of educational services or collaborative school-municipal service delivery or support systems.

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Regional Challenge Grants

The Regional Challenge Grant Program provides non-competitive grants to support promising regional initiatives designed to establish new mechanisms for managing governmental affairs

more efficiently while integrating transportation, economic development, natural resource protection, and land use management more effectively, consistent with smart growth principles.

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Regional Delivery of Local Services Web Site

Communities around the state are collaborating to reduce costs, improve efficiencies, and enhance services. The State Planning Office has developed a web site to provide information to learn from what others are doing. This web site contains information about local and regional collaborative efforts in other areas as well as links to sites of interest; articles, reports, and studies; and sample interlocal agreements.

<http://www.state.me.us/spo/sp/regional/>

Consultants and Facilitators

The State Planning Office lists facilitators land use planning, and natural resource assessment consultants. The organizations and businesses on this list have requested to be included. Their inclusion should not be perceived as an endorsement or recommendation of the State Planning Office or the Department of Administrative and Financial Services.

<http://www.maine.gov/spo/landuse/techassist/consultants.php>

Regional Planning Councils

There are 11 regional planning councils/commissions that provide assistance to their member municipalities on a variety of planning issues including land use planning, transportation planning, and economic development. Some councils offer services such as joint purchasing, joint household hazardous waste collection, and even grant writing.

[Androscoggin Valley Council of Governments \[Androscoggin, Franklin, & Oxford\]](#)

[Eastern Maine Development Corporation \[Penobscot \(also serves Hancock, Knox, Piscataquis, Waldo, and Washington\)\]](#)

[Greater Portland Council of Governments\[Cumberland\]](#)

[Hancock County Planning Commission \[Hancock\]](#)

[Kennebec Valley Council of Governments \[Somerset\]](#)

[Midcoast Council for Business Development and Planning \[Sagadahoc\]](#)

[Midcoast Regional Planning Commission \[Waldo, Knox\]](#)

[Northern Maine Development Commission \[Aroostook\]](#)

[Penobscot Valley Council of Governments \[Penobscot, Hancock, Knox, Piscataquis, Waldo and Washington\]](#)

[Southern Maine Regional Planning Commission \[York also serves parts of Cumberland and Oxford\]](#)

[Washington County Council of Governments \[Washington\]](#)

State Agencies

Maine Department of Education

Regionalized approaches to delivering educational services

Contact: Jim Rier at 624-6790 or jim.rier@maine.gov

Maine Department of Environmental Protection

Regionalized approaches to stormwater management

Contact: Don Witherill at 287-7725 or donald.t.witherall@maine.gov

Maine Office of Geographic Information Services

<http://megis.maine.gov/>

Maine Department of Transportation

Regional Transportation Planning

<http://www.maine.gov/mdot/planning-process-programs/regional-planning.php>

Gateway-1

<http://www.maine.gov/mdot/interagency-meetings/iamet/october2004/documents/3colgatewayQA3kf.pdf>

State Planning Office

Regional approaches to land use planning

Contact: Ruta Dzenis at 287-2851 or ruta.dzenis@maine.gov

<http://www.state.me.us/spo/landuse/resources/regional.php>

Regional approaches to land conservation

Contact: Tim Glidden at 287-1487 or tim.glidden@maine.gov

<http://www.state.me.us/spo/lmf/>

Regional approaches to Waste Management and Recycling

Contact: George MacDonald at 287-5759 or george.macdonald@maine.gov

<http://www.state.me.us/spo/recycle/>

Nonprofit Organizations

Maine Municipal Association

<http://www.memun.org/>

Maine Development Foundation

The Maine Development Foundation (MDF) drives sustainable, long-term economic growth for Maine. MDF stimulates new ideas, develops leaders, and provides common ground for solving problems and advancing issues. Their web site offers information about their community programs including The Maine Downtown Center.

<http://www.mdf.org/>

Maine Rural Partners

Maine Rural Partners is a network of people and organizations dedicated to advancing collaborative, integrated approaches to rural development. This web site provides an information center for building relationships and sharing resources across rural Maine.

<http://www.mainerural.org/>

Beginning with Habitat

The Beginning with Habitat helps local decision-makers protect animal and plant habitats, focusing on preventing fragmentation of habitat systems from development within and across community boundaries. The program provides each Maine town with maps and information about valuable habitats in its region, which help guide land use decisions to protect them. This web site provides communities with information that can help guide conservation of valuable habitats.

<http://www.beginningwithhabitat.org/>

Gateway 1

Gateway 1 is a collaborative effort amongst communities and state agencies that explores new ways of combining transportation and land use decision-making. By doing so, the project will balance community growth and local values with transportation services and needs. This web site contains background information as well as meeting information, community information, and public involvement opportunities.

<http://www.gateway1.org/>